

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Applicant:</b> Abraham R. MATTHEWS et al.	<b>Examiner:</b> BRUCKHART, Benjamin
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## REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicant received a Final Office Action on October 18, 2007. A response was due on January 18, 2008, and Applicant timely responded on March 18, 2008 by way of a Response to the Final Office Action, a Notice of Appeal and a 3-Month Extension of Time. On June 4, 2008, Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment indicating that the Applicant had not timely filed a Response to the Advisory Action mailed April 11, 2008.

37 CFR 41.37 allows an Applicant to file an Appeal Brief within two months of filing a Notice of Appeal. Furthermore, this time period for filing an Appeal Brief is extendable for up to four months (37 CFR 41.37(e)). Therefore, the Notice of Abandonment is erroneous as Applicant is permitted until September 18, 2008 to file an Appeal Brief. The Applicant respectfully requests the erroneous holding of Abandonment to be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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